

**TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
AGENDA (AMENDED)  
April 14, 2020  
4:30 pm via Conference Call**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**INVOCATION:**

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilman Spann: came on later  
Councilman Hardaway  
Councilman Minchuk  
Councilwoman Uzelac  
Councilman Pettit  
Vice President White  
Madame Clerk-Treasurer: absent  
Karen Press

**PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REMONSTRATIONS:**

Updated Staff Reports for Economic Development Committee Regarding the IP-TL Century Plaza, LLC Real Tax Abatement Applications and Alpha K LLC Real Tax Abatement Application

Councilman Pettit is not willing to give Century Mall tax abatement. Pat was in deep discussion about this. Councilman Pettit made the motion that the Faso rebate program to Century Plaza LLC, Councilwoman Uzelac seconded the motion. 6-1 motion carries.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Accts. Payable Register Voucher Approval for April 14, 2020  
Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of March 31, 2020  
Councilman Pettit made the motion, and Councilman Minchuk seconded. Motion carries.

**GENERAL ORDERS  
ORDINANCES**

**Amendatory Ordinance 20-05** (discussion and Roll Call), An Ordinance Of The Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, Amending Ordinance 19-14, 19-26, 19-28, 20-02, And 20-04, In Specific Part, Of The Town Of Merrillville, Indiana For The Calendar Year 2020. Councilman Minchuk made a motion to table Ordinance 20-05, Councilman Hardaway seconded it. Motion carries 7-0.

**Suspension of Rules for second reading of Amendatory Ordinance 20-05**

**AMENDATORY ORDINANCE 20-05**

An Ordinance Of The Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, Amending Ordinances 19-14, 19-26, 19-28, 20-02, And 20-04, In Specific Part, Of the Town Of Merrillville, Indiana, For The Calendar Year 2020

**FIRST READINGS**

**ORDINANCE 20-06**

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, Establishing Town Code Sections 2-4 through 2-12 Entitled "Requirements Addressing the Maintenance and Release of Public Information", And Repealing All Town Code Sections and Ordinances, Or Parts Thereof, In Conflict Herewith, Councilman Pettit made a motion, Councilwoman Uzelac seconded to establish fees for Police Dept. Video 7-0

President Bella asked for a motion to suspend the rules to hear this Ordinance on second reading, Councilman White made a motion, Councilwoman Uzelac seconded it. Motion carries 7-0

President Bella entertained a motion to approve Ordinance 20-06 on second reading. Councilman Pettit made a motion, Councilwoman Uzelac seconded it.

Suspension of rules for Second reading of Amendatory Ordinance

Adjournment

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Rick Bella, President

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Kelly White Gibson, Clerk-Treasurer

**BZA ACTIONS:**

Petitioner: Louis O'Donnell IV  
Owner: Louis O'Donnell IV  
Request: Variance of Use Approval  
Purpose: To Allow a LED advertising display  
Location: 7606 East Lincoln Highway  
Zoning: C-3 Highway Commercial Zoning district  
Case#: Z3uV2-2020  
Motion approved by Councilman Minchuk, seconded by Councilman Spann 6 yes 1 abstention.

**Petitioner:** Gary Potts  
**Owner:** Calumet Park Cemetery  
**Request:** Variance of Use Approval  
**Purpose:** To Allow a LED Electronic Message Center  
**Location:** 2305 West 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave.  
**Zoning:** R-1 Residential Zoning District  
**Case#:** Z1uV1-2020

All approved motion carries.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS** Having Mike Deppe Attorney for BZA/Planning. Moved by Councilwoman Uzelac. Seconded by Councilman White. 5 in favor Councilman Hardaway and Councilman Pettit opposed. Motion carries 5-2

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Becky Matia mentioned she would help anyone with the census form.  
Ernestine Barnes- Merrillville Lake Apartments, Ernestine mentioned she had pictures of the work that has to be done. She asked the management why they were not renewing her lease they told her none of her business.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

MCC Meeting Thursday March 19, at 5:00p.m.  
RDC Meeting Tuesday March 24, at 6:15 p.m.  
Town Council Meeting March 24 at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** All motion carries.

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Rick Bella, President

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Kelly White Gibson, Clerk-Treasurer